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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshiyuki ITO

Serial No. 09/748,370

Group Art Unit: 2165

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Examiner: Neveen Abel Jalil

For: INFORMATION EXTRACTION DEVICE AND STORAGE MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on August 4, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-8 were pending in the application; rejected claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e); and rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 103(a). In rejecting the claims, U.S. Patent 6,658,625 to Allen (Reference A in the August 16, 2004 Office Action) and U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0038273 by Wherry et al. (Reference A in the May 4, 2005 Office Action) were cited. Claims 1-8 remain in the case. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

As indicated on the first page, Wherry et al. claims priority to provisional application No. 60/218,105 filed July 13, 2000. Submitted herewith is a Verified English Translation of the priority document for the subject application, Japanese Patent Application 9952050 which was filed on January 31, 2000. Thus, Wherry et al. is not prior art.

Since both of the rejections rely upon Wherry et al., withdrawal of the rejections and prompt allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.